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Minden Hills dismisses chief building official

➤ Ken Jones has been on medical leave since 2011

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Minden Hills chief building official Ken Jones has been terminated, *The Times* has learned.

Jones had been on medical leave for three years.

"The township does not comment on human resources issues," Reeve Barb Reid wrote in an email to the paper.

The Times had asked whether the dismissal was an in-camera decision of council or whether it was an action of the chief administrative officer.

When former deputy-clerk Laura Cunniffe was let go in February of 2013, chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking took responsibility for that dismissal.

Former chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison was also dismissed in the summer of 2012.

A number of other department heads have resigned during the current term of council.

Former clerk Cheryl McCarroll, former environmental and property operations managers Peter Brown and Chris Voth, former community services directors Rick Cox and Janette Loveys and former cultural centre director Daniela Pagliaro all resigned from the township for jobs elsewhere.

Colin McKnight has been the interim chief building official, while Minden Hills curator Darren Levstek is interim director of community services.

The Times contacted Jones, who said he had no comment.



Darren Lum Staff

Highland Storm Bantam A forward Owen Patterson-Smith, who scored the game-winner, scores during the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship game against the Mount Brydges Cougars on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm won the game 7-2 to take the best-of-five series. They won three straight after dropping the first game.

Record win for Storm

Darren Lum
 Staff reporter

It all came together for the Highland Storm Bantam A team in what became a historic year and an incredible end with golden proportions.

In front of family, friends and hockey fans, including community supporters, the Highland Storm team earned the right to skate victoriously with the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy by winning the Ontario Minor

Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship.

They showed the quality they've exhibited all season to beat the visiting Mount Brydges Cougars 7-2 on Saturday at packed A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Storm coach Drew Bishop smiled, talking about his team and the journey following the win to take the best-of-five series over the Cougars in four games after dropping the first game to open the series.

"That just goes to their character about how they battle and how they just won't

quit and won't give up. Like I said it's been a journey to get here. I'm proud to be with them all they way through this journey," he said, adding tryouts for the team were held in August.

Although there was a strong contingent of support from Mount Brydges, the hometown support was undeniable by the thunderous applause and cheers, following every big hit or goal in the game. Many of them even stayed following the medal and

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You Can't Take It With You

Above, Grandpa, played by Mike Jaycock, and Mr. Henderson, played by Shawn Hagerman, have a heated exchange. Right, David Zilstra plays Paul Sicamore, fireworks enthusiast and father of the Sicamore family, in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *You Can't Take it With You*. Left, Jen Mykolyshyn, as Gay Wellington, kicks back and rattles her beads, but Donald, played by John Neving is not impressed. The show runs April 3 to 5 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. For tickets, go to Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or Pharmasave in Minden.

Photos by Zach Cox



Minden Hills purchases portal signage for village

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The township will be purchasing gateway signage for the village of Minden from Sensational Signs for approximately \$30,000.

Councilors made that decision after hearing a report from interim community services director Darren Levstek during a March 27 council meeting.

The signage, to be erected along Highway 35 and at Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street, will be of redwood construction.

While composite wood was an option, Levstek said redwood was preferable for this type of signage for its ability to hold colour.

Levstek has been talking to the Minden and District Horticultural Society as he intends for planters to go beneath the signage.

Along the highway, the township has received permis-

sion from the MTO for the signage, but not yet for the planters.

Levstek said the signage would have to set high enough to allow for the planters to be added.

"You also want your digital sign above snow," he said.

The signage will also have capacity for a digital component.

New gateway signage was a recommendation in the village development master plan, commissioned by the township from AECOM Canada for approximately \$80,000.

Male charged with numerous offences

On March 21, officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were called to the Muskoka All Seasons Resort in the Township of Algonquin Highlands at approximately 7:50 p.m.

OPP attended a residence in the park and located an intoxicated man. Police investigation determined that the man was on conditions in relation to the address and he was subsequently arrested. A 40-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with the following offences: failing to comply with probation order – two counts; fail to comply with undertaking; breach of recognizance. The accused was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay on March 24.

Submitted by the OPP

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Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

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CARP Chapter 54 is planning a number of free walk-in Tax Clinics to help low income residents and seniors fill out their income tax and benefit returns.* Dates and locations are as follows:

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County's 2014 sunshine list revealed

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Ontario's public salary disclosure list – the so called “sunshine list” – for 2013 has been released.

Legislation requires that organizations with public employees earning for than \$100,000 for the year make those salaries public.

In Haliburton County, there were a number of municipal, school board and health services employees who made the list.

On the municipal front, Algonquin Highlands chief administrative officer Angie Bird earned \$111,345 while Dysart et al CAO Tamara Wilbee made \$104,602.

In Minden Hills, treasurer Lorrie Blanchard made \$102,661, while chief administrative officer/clerk/economic development officer Nancy Wright-Laking made \$132,189.

At the County of Haliburton, public works director Doug Ray made \$117,032; now-retired EMS director Pat Kennedy \$119,877; and chief administrative officer Jim Wilson

\$153,526.

Within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Traci Hubbert made \$117,206, while vice-principal Anne Grant earned \$100,231.

Stuart Baker Elementary School principal Andrea Borysiuk earned \$117,782, while at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, vice-principal Peter Ferri made \$107,190 and principal Elaine Fournier \$125,286.

Gordon Wood, principal for Wilberforce and Cardiff schools made \$113,909, while Barbara Davies, vice-principal for the institutions made \$101,618.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Darrell Dobson made \$100,939 and principal Dan Marsden was paid \$126,402 for the year.

The school board's IT manager Karen Fraser made \$125,286; superintendents Bruce Barrett, Kevin Cutler and Andrea Gillespie each \$166,331; and board director Larry Hope earned \$196,980.

At Haliburton Highlands Health Services, CEO Varouj Eskedjian made \$161,557.

Registered nurse Judith Toye made \$100,164, while Deb-

bie Watson, chief nursing officer and director of patient care made \$102,808.

Chief financial officer Catherine Outram made \$107,801, while registered nurses Sonya Samson, Melanie Flood and Lucie Paquette-Gustavsen made \$104,890, \$116,687 and \$122,882 respectively.

Registered technician Rudolph Munz made \$130,332.

At the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Shawn Woods, manager of communicable disease control made \$102,716, while environmental health manager Richard Ovcharovich was paid \$104,551.

Family health/chief nursing officer Fiona Kelly and chronic disease and injury prevention director Leslie Orpana made \$110,529 respectively.

Director of communicable disease control Linda McCarey made \$115,114; administration and human resources director Susan Bickle \$115,329 and Chris Beveridge, director of environmental health, \$117,404.

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health, was paid \$309,189 for the year.

Celebrating inspiring women in business



Co-facilitator and business coach Lauren Forbes learns from participants

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

An artist, a resort operator, a raw food chef.

The women who graduated from the YWCA's Women in Business program in Minden last week have a wide range of interests, but are all better entrepreneurs after completing the 20-week program.

A graduation ceremony was held at the Minden Hills Community Centre on March 27.

“Today we celebrate seven inspirational women,” said program co-ordinator Sarah Adams.

Those women are Michelle Connelly, Frances Cooke, Alison Davis, Jennifer Mykolyshyn, Michele Pearsons, Angela Thompson and Laura Trach, who began the program back in November.

“It has been my privilege to watch a wonderful group of enthusiastic women grow,” said Donna Arnold, a former small business owner and one of the program's two facilitators.

Co-facilitator and business coach Lauren Forbes valued her experience.

“I learn as much from the participants as I hope I give back,” she said.

A series of presenters, ranging from a restaurateur to an educational specialist to a Toastmaster, shared their expertise with the group throughout the program's run.

“I'm grateful for these wonderful teachers, who are a living example of what we want to do with ourselves,” said Connelly.

Artist Laura Trach said the skills taught in the program will help the community improve on what it is putting out to the world.

“We've got a diamond in the rough that we need to polish and we're really starting to polish it,” she said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid attended and offered her congratulations to the women.

The program, which ran in Haliburton Village last year, was funded through the Haliburton County Development Corporation and focused on marketing and branding, selling, financial literacy, networking and other business skills.



Top, graduates of the YWCA's Women in Business program celebrated their success with a ceremony in Minden on March 27. From left are facilitator Lauren Forbes, Laura Trach, Michelle Connelly, Angela Thompson, Alison Davis, Michele Pearsons, Jennifer Mykolyshyn and facilitator Donna Arnold.

Left, Forbes and Arnold.

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\$2 million to pave Cty Rd 648

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 26 meeting of county council.

Council voted to award a paving contract for County Road 648 to Norway Asphalt for just over \$2 million, plus taxes.

That will include one-metre paved shoulders, which double as bike lanes.

While the staff recommendation had been to go with a .5-metre paved shoulder for \$1.9 million, councillors heard a presentation from Sue Shikaze of the local Communities in Action committee.

"A one-metre paved shoulder provides adequate space for cyclists," Shikaze said, adding it was statistically likely to lower the chance of crashes.

"Paved shoulders are also an investment in community safety."

"I support Sue's request," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "It's important that we do have a cycling lane, or at least a wide shoulder."

The rest of council agreed, with the sole exception of Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who voted against the one-metre shoulder in a recorded vote.

"Staff made a recommendation to us," Fearrey said. "If we do the one-metre, with the budget we have, we're going to have to knock half a kilometre off."

The project is to pave County Road 648 from the area of Dark Lake Bridge to Highland Grove

EMS to change name

Council voted to change the name of the EMS department to Haliburton County Paramedics Service following a recommendation from emergency services director Craig Jones, who said the new name more aptly describes the bulk of the department's work.

"A lot of people were confused with EMS... whereas, when we say 'paramedics' they understand that," he said.

A new crest and letterhead is to be applied gradually.

The county will also be replacing the 20-year-old roof at the Haliburton Village base for approximately \$21,500 plus HST.

Applying for paramedicine funding

The county will be applying to the ministry of health and long-term care for a \$160,000 grant for training, equipment and IT for a paramedicine program. Such a program, preventative in nature, would have county paramedics visiting and checking in on at-risk and geriatric residents during their downtime between calls. Emergency

calls would continue to take priority.

Waiting for funding

The county and Minden Hills township will continue to wait to see what kind of funding becomes available before submitting an application for the construction of an EMS base and fire hall on the former Walker's Auto Repair property on Highway 35.

Minden Hills council has resolved the township will partner with the county on a facility, but with the caveat of funding from upper levels of government.

County staff are ready for the county to move ahead with constructing an EMS base, selling a portion of the property to Minden Hills for the construction of a fire hall.

However, since there is a greater chance of approval with a joint application, councillors are continuing to wait until a funding opportunity is announced.

"It's not like our ambulance base has burned down," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "We don't have a panic situation here."

The estimated cost for a combined, 10,500-square-foot EMS base/fire hall is \$2.3 million; for a 5,000-square-foot standalone EMS base \$1.13 million; and for a standalone 6,500-square-foot fire hall \$1.4 million.

The county has put approximately \$700,000 into the project so far, including the \$385,000 purchase of the five-acre property in 2010.

Prep work has also included the extension of Minden Hills's water and sewer system to the site.

EORN to wrap up this year

Reps from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network gave councillors an update on the project, which is supposed to equip many of the homes and businesses throughout the region with high-speed Internet by the end of 2014.

The goal is for 95 per cent of households and businesses to be connected and for 85 per cent to have connectivity rates of up to 10 megabits per second.

Because of terrain or areas of low density, not all residences and businesses are able to connect.

In most of those cases, satellite service through Xplornet should be available.

This year's severe winter has created a number of physical delays in the project.

Its \$170 million price tag came from a combination of municipal, provincial, federal funding and money and in-kind contributions from private industry.

The county contributed approximately \$520,000.

HHS struggles to balance budget

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on March 27.

This year's unusually harsh winter has hit Haliburton Highlands Health Services right in the budget. Board chairman Len Logozar told members the organization is \$82,000 off their target, partially due to cold weather in January and February.

"Because of the severity of the winter, we've had to rely on fuel as a backup. Our geothermal system operates up until -20 and after that we kick into supplementary heat," he told the board. Fuel costs for those two months: just under \$100,000.

"So, that's unexpected big bucks," he said.

Alongside fuel costs, unexpected sick time has contributed to this year's budgetary woes. "We're small numbers and when we have one person absent it has a big impact on the organization," Logozar said.

CEO Varouj Eskedjian said he and chief financial officer Cathy Outram are working on getting the budget balanced.

"Varouj and his team have been very

good in being able to get additional dollars from the LHIN [Local Health Integration Network] and the LHIN has been good to us in providing funding... We've received in excess of a half million dollars in one-time funding for things we can put back into the system," Logozar said.

"They've been good to us and I think we've earned it because we've managed the operation very efficiently."

The province has provided a one per cent budget increase, which has been outpaced by inflation and staff wage increases.

Plaque to commemorate Dr. David Fiddler

The work of longtime doctor David Fiddler will be recognized with a plaque at the Minden ER, where he worked and co-ordinated coverage for the last 20 years.

The gesture was recommended by the medical advisory committee and quickly agreed to by board members.

Fiddler died in March and is credited for keeping the Minden ER open during times when the political winds seemed to be against it.

Questions persist on OPP billing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Exactly how much does it cost to operate the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment?

No one seems to know.

Representatives from the police force visited Haliburton County councillors during their March 26 meeting to answer questions on the new OPP billing model, to be enacted in 2015.

That model, which attempts to equalize payments on a per household basis throughout the province, would see annual OPP costs in Haliburton County jump by some \$5 million next year, equating to property tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout the municipality's lower tiers.

In advance of Wednesday's meeting, the OPP and the Ministry of Community Services and Correctional Services were given six pages of questions from the county, some of which were answered and some of which were not.

Councillors were first given a run-down of the current OPP billing model, which has been in effect since 1998.

"I still find the current process and the current billing model complex and hard to understand," said Staff Sgt. Cathy Bell. Bell along with Sgt. Liane Spong and Staff Sgt. Chad Bark, commander of the Haliburton Highlands detachment, comprised the delegation to council.

The current model uses a cost recovery formula that is applied on a per-officer basis.

It is applied for the recovery of "specific support services" – salaries and benefits of communications operators, prison guards, etc. – as well as "other direct operating expenses" – vehicles, uniforms, equipment, etc., from municipalities.

Along with expenses collected through the recovery formula, municipalities are charged the actual salaries and benefits of officers who work for the local detachment.

Staffing is recorded in logs throughout the year.

Actual costs are determined through an annual reconciliation process, in which municipalities are sent an estimate toward the end of the calendar year, receiving the bill for that year the following March.

"So, why are we doing this?" asked Bell, referring to the new model, which she noted is "creating a bit of an uproar in the province."

One-hundred ninety of the more than 300 municipalities served by the OPP will see their policing costs increase, with Haliburton County among the most severely affected.

As Bell explained, a 2012 report from the auditor general called for the OPP to simplify and make its cost-recovery methods more transparent, as well as address issues that had municipalities paying different rates for policing.

The proposed model includes two main pillars; base service and calls



Chad Ingram Staff

Staff Sgt. Cathy Bell, left, Sgt. Liane Spong and Staff Sgt. Chad Bark of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were in county council chambers March 26 to answer questions about the new OPP billing formula, which is to come into effect in 2015.

for service. It operates on the principle that all municipalities should pay their fair share of base service costs.

These include items such as supervision, administration and infrastructure, as well as costs associated with front-line policing, from salaries and benefits to training.

Calls for service would be charged based on the number and type of call.

Each type of call has been assigned an average incident time that would be used to calculate cost.

For example, a violent crime is listed at 14.4 hours; drug possession 6.2 hours.

Under the new formula, the province has put out the figure of \$369 as the average per household fee, weighted 73 per cent for base service and 27 per cent for per call service.

With outcry coming from numerous municipalities over the proposed model, the province has been considering changing this ratio to 60 per cent for base service and 40 per cent for per call service.

"Feedback is having an effect on the development of this model," Bell said. A change to 60/40 would lessen the increase for most municipalities that would be paying more under the new model.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who noted the presentation had "succeeded in creating brain fog," wondered where the ratios for base service versus per call service were coming from as they seemed arbitrary.

"We don't seem to understand how these ratios are being arrived at," Moffatt said.

Bell said they were based on the activity logs kept by the OPP.

"We can support that," she said. "That is defensible."

Moffatt also noted there seems to be a shift in the way costs are being allocated.

Municipalities that receive the services of the OPP by default through the Ontario Police Services Act, would, on the whole, see their costs increase while municipalities in direct agreements with the OPP would, on the whole, see their costs decrease.

Of the 172 municipalities in the former category, 28 would see their costs decrease while 144 would see them increase.

From 2012 levels, this equates to a collective increase of \$46.8 million.

Meanwhile, of the 133 municipalities in direct agreements with the OPP, 59 would have increases while 74 municipalities would experience decreases for a collective drop of \$33.6 million.

"Not everybody is going to be \$369," Bell said, stressing this was an average, not fixed figure, that had been provided by the ministry.

"You're using averages," she said at one point. "Nobody has given you exact numbers. You've made a lot of assumptions."

"All we have is averages," said treasurer Laura Janke, noting that if the county didn't communicate that information to its ratepayers, it would have nothing to communicate to them about the impact of proposed formula.

Janke has repeatedly called the funding formula flawed during the past several months, for several reasons, including the use of the per household measure.

Most government funding operates on the basis of permanent population.

The proposed OPP formula weighs seasonal and year-round residences

evenly and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid noted it's the province's cottaging hotspots that will be hit hardest.

"Muskoka, Parry Sound, City of Kawartha Lakes, Frontenac..." Reid said, rhyming off municipalities that will see their costs soar.

Haliburton County would be the second most adversely affected municipality, with its collective policing costs jumping from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million next year. Only the District of Muskoka would be harder hit, jumping from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

"I'm talking to an organization that I think understands the evidence business," Reid said, noting she's not seen any data to justify the formula, including at the AMO steering committee on OPP billing, on which she's the county's representative. "The whole premise has got off to a bad start. There's been no evidence to convince elected officials and members of the public that there's an issue."

Reid referred to a slide from Bell's presentation that had said most municipalities that are billed on a per-year basis by the OPP have a credit once the yearly reconciliation process is done.

"It says we're paying the bills you sent," Reid said, adding that Haliburton County was in the middle of the road as far as the provincial crime index went and that the county's crime index had dropped substantially in the past few years.

Commercial and industrial properties are not being factored into the formula and councillors told the OPP they should be.

"Each business should be considered a household," Reid said, noting businesses generated calls for service too. She added that the formula

should be based on permanent population and that there was a reason the Quebec police and the RCMP billed costs this way.

Reid noted many of the auditor general's suggestions had not been undertaken, such as the elimination of 12-hour shifts, which drive up overtime. She slammed the process at the AMO steering committee, which was comprised of both "winner" and "loser" municipalities, and where she said it was nearly impossible for the latter to make their voices heard.

"We had several members leave the last meeting early," she said, adding she didn't expect much good to come out of the process. "The AMO is like the cheese in the sandwich because their stakeholders are on both sides of the equation."

Meetings for the steering committee have concluded and it is expected to produce a report in the coming weeks.

"The OPP shouldn't be here answering this," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It should be the ministry"

He told the officers the province couldn't rule out municipalities' ability to pay as a factor.

"I urge you in your infinite wisdom to slow down and get this right, because you haven't got it right," Fearrey said.

The OPP reps reiterated that council's feedback would be passed on.

Near the end of the two-hour discussion, councillors asked what it cost, in total, to operate the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

They were told part of it comes from the OPP's regional budget and that some of it was captured under the cost-recovery formula.

Bark said he had been trying to get figures for the detachment – how much it costs for the lease, gas, water, snow removal, etc. – and that he had been referred to a number of government employees, one of whom thought those figures rested with Infrastructure Ontario.

Reid said other members of the AMO committee had requested but had not been provided with costs for their bases.

"We just want all the costs for the detachment," Reid said, "There's only one taxpayer."

The county will continue to pressure the ministry.

The lower tiers are each sending mail-outs to their residents, asking them to write letters to the province regarding the proposed formula.

A day of action is also being organized for May 1, where residents will be encouraged to call or email the province, or take to social media with the hashtag #OPPMayday.

Fearrey suggested the county also request a meeting with the new minister of community safety.

In a cabinet shuffle last week, former minister Madeleine Meilleur was moved from the portfolio, with Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi taking her place.

The funding formula is expected to be finalized some time this summer.



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HOW MUCH does the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment cost to operate?

Since it involves little more than accounting, one might think this question would be a straight forward enough to answer.

Not so.

Par for the course in the convoluted saga of OPP billing reform.

Last week, representatives from the police force visited county councillors to answer questions on the new proposed billing formula, set to come into effect next year.

You may have heard of it.

It's the one the county's treasurer has repeatedly referred to as flawed and wrong.

It's the one Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey has repeatedly referred to as the single most negative event for Haliburton County that he has seen during his 40 years in municipal politics.

It's the one that would bolster collective policing costs in the county from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million in a single giant leap.

The ministry of community safety is responsible for the formula but seems too cowardly to send its own representatives, so it sends the police. They are forced to become the messengers, which makes the situation kind of awkward for everybody, since the message is about them. Near the end of last week's lengthy conversation, council asked how much it cost to operate the local detachment.

This figure was not available.

Turns out it's a bit segmented, with pieces stored here and there.

Some of it comes from a regional

budget. Some of it comes from the cost recovery formula that is part of the current, and beyond confusing, billing model.

The local staff sergeant tried to find operating costs for the building – lease, water, gas, snow removal, etc. – and was bounced around to different government workers, the last one of which thought that information resided with

Infrastructure Ontario.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was on the AMO steering committee on OPP billing and said last week that one of her colleagues there had asked for the figures for his local detachment and they had not been produced.

The province, which seems hellbent on approving the new formula this summer,

needs to stop for a moment.

It needs to gather up all the pieces that compromise the total cost of running the local detachment – from salaries and benefits to vehicles and gas right down to pens and paperclips – and provide it to council.

The province has said it would be unfeasible for the townships being negatively affected by the proposed formula to create their own municipal forces. The now-former minister of community safety had indicated it would cost about twice as much per household as what's in the proposed formula.

The province has absolutely no place telling municipalities what they can and cannot afford when it can't even present total figures for each detachment.

How many people trust the provincial government at this point in time?

Give us the number.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

letters to the editor

Minden ER staff remember Dr. Fiddler

In his death as in his life, the passing of our beloved Dr. David Fiddler has brought the staff of the Minden ER together. We find ourselves drawn together to share memories and reminisce. Through tears and laughter we reflect on the life of a truly unique man whom we all loved and adored. It has been 24 hours since his passing, and while we each have our own experiences with Dave, we are reminded about the many contributions he has made to our hospital, community and individually.

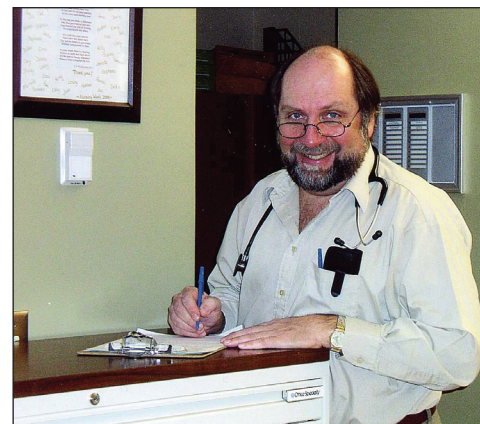
It takes us back to the beginning when Dave and his identical twin brother, Dr. Doug Fiddler cotted in the area. The twins had become familiar with Minden Hospital as children.

With the threat of Minden ER closing in 1995, sentimental attachments drew Dave and Doug back. Physicians from Lindsay and Barrie followed their lead on a mission to save the hospital of their youth.

What started off as a three month mission has continued to the present hospital almost 20 years later. Through all the early trials and tribulations, the reduced hours and threats of closure, we stand strong today with 24 hour service, thanks in large part to Dr. David Fiddler. Physicians from Lindsay, Barrie and Peterborough make up our current coalition.

First and foremost, none of this would have been possible without the unyielding strength and support of Dave's wife Linda. Were it not for the love of his life's willingness to share Dave with our community, Minden ER would never have survived. Dave spent so many days in our ER each month, Linda jokingly referred to us as "his second wives". This wonderful family man's children, Rachael, Dennis, Graham, Gavin and Kate shared their dad willingly, allowing him to accomplish so much here.

Sitting together as a family, remembering our Dave, we found common ground on so many things. Mostly, we recalled his character or that he was a character. Yes, he was most certainly a gifted physician, of this there was no question. He was a brilliant, consummate professional and a wise mentor. Always teaching, encouraging and inspiring; his tenacity and passionate work ethic preceded him, and when you worked with Dave you went home knowing that as a team you had done your best. Being such a positive person, he made you feel good when you were down. When the craziness of the ER almost got the better of us, his sense of humour pushed the limits, making us better and stronger. When sadness, loss and grief



encapsulated the department, Dave's kind support shone through the darkness for patients and their families.

That said, no one was safe from his passion for a prank. If you weren't the subject of it you were enlisted as a co-conspirator. His gags could go as far as hitting three hospitals on April Fool's Day at the same time, involving EMS and OPP; or they could be as simple as a prescription for no dishes or house work for a week. Even when giving a youngster a lesson his good hearted nature managed to get them wondering in earnest when he asked "what five things did you do for your mom today?"

These are the moments we will remember from a man we will never forget. Dave had a heart like no other, and it has been an honor and privilege to have worked with him, know him, love him.

As the news spreads through our community we are invariably asked, "was it the one who had cows or the one who liked cars?" "Was he Lindsay or Barrie?" It is these questions that remind us that the Fiddlers didn't just care for our community, they shared with our community and now together we are left to share this loss. Sadly the cows in Lindsay have lost their farmer.

As much as we are saddened by his leaving, and as hard as we find these days, we will carry on. Not only will we survive, we will flourish, we will work together, support each other and our community because that is what we do.

Dave you will be forever in our hearts.

**All our love
Your Minden Family
Minden ER staff**

Council treats cottagers with respect

To the Editor,

Re: letter to the editor, "Comments on cottagers not appreciated," Minden Times, March 26

How unfortunate that you feel persistently "treated throughout the county as a... second-class citizen." Having cottaged here since 1986, and resided here since 2009, my experience has always been the opposite.

As a cottager, our past reeve, Eleanor Harrison, and our current reeve, Carol Mofatt, have consistently attended our KLPOA annual meetings to keep us informed, first hand, of current issues being addressed by council. Indeed, they have opened themselves to questions from the floor and responded directly with all current information at their fingertips. I can never recall an issue that they tried to sweep rapidly

through council while affected taxpayers were kept in the dark. We have always been included as "community members" and, though the terms "seasonal residents" or "cottagers" may be used to identify a specific group of taxpayers, we have never felt discriminated against because of it. Knowing the level of remuneration provided to council members, we believe we are well served.

While in the community, we have been treated royally. When I stopped in to inquire about the cost of repairing my windshield, the proprietor repaired it on the spot. Knowing that I'd be back in town in four days to pay for it, I drove off without him asking for my name and phone number. When I arrived at the bank without my wallet, I was saved a one hour return trip when the clerk graciously handed me my withdrawal.

see IT'S EASY page 8

points of view

Hello again, hello

LATELY – AND I’M NOT sure why – people have been making a big deal of the fact that the Yanonami tribe of South America utilize farts as a form of greeting. Some people, it seems, are truly fascinated by this. Worse still, they actually make it sound as if the Yanonamis are unique in this.

Well, I would argue this is only the case because those people have never been on a camping weekend with a bunch of guys. If they had been, they’d know that this isn’t unusual at all. It’s what any group of folks spending a prolonged period of time in the outdoors does.

Farts have always been used as a greeting on these camping weekends. They are also used as a conversation starter, a means to keep warm within your sleeping bag, a method for getting a little alone time in the tent and a way to deter biting insects. My favourite use, however, is to punctuate a particularly poignant statement.

Consider the statement, “Look at how that gorgeous sunset makes the water look like a million glittering diamonds; isn’t nature wonderful?”

Without a small, but well-timed fart at the end, a statement like that would make you seem weird or perhaps overly sensitive. But add just one curt, little “brrppp” and you’ve practically created poetry.

If nothing else, this illustrates that, like all social customs, etiquette and sound judgment is required.

It probably goes without saying but, if you are going to fart in the presence of others in the outdoors, do so loudly and with authority. Otherwise, people feel like you are talking about them behind their backs. Or worse, you’ll get a reputation for being shy and indecisive: two qualities that do not exactly inspire confi-

dence in the great outdoors.

On the other hand, it doesn’t pay to showboat either. If you fart too loudly, you will soon be known as that blowhard who dominates the conversation or, alternately, the guy who’s always laundering his underwear. And even if that’s not the case, you’ll call in vultures, ravens or any other creature who are attracted to dead things. This is typically not appreciated by fellow campers.

The point is you need to be sensitive to others.

Needless to say, it’s the same with greetings too. Etiquette, in that case, demands that, should you shake a person’s hand or hug them and then fart, you let go. Not eventually either. No you do it quickly, while they still stand a chance.

Don’t get too enthusiastic either.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Dropping one rose is plenty. Dropping a bouquet of them is, quite frankly, embarrassing – and depending on what you ate for dinner, dangerous.

The proper gentleman or lady will let loose a quick one just as the person you are greeting steps into the tent, canoe or light of the campfire. For the latter, it goes without saying you should be facing towards the campfire. Otherwise, nothing ruins an evening of toasted marshmallows quicker.

I’m not writing anything most outdoorsy types don’t already know. But I do think that every now and then it’s fair to remind others that many unique and interesting behaviours often attributed to uncivilized, wild peoples were probably originated on a weekend of camping with the boys.

We just don’t brag about it that’s all. Having said that, if any anthropologist would like to discuss it further, come visit my place. I’ll only be too happy to greet you at the door.

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He’ll be hearing from my lawyer

IHAVE JUST BEEN GRANTED a degree to certify that I am a dog wise beyond my years.

A couple of months from now I will be 12 years old, which is the life expectancy for canines of the smooth collie persuasion.

That’s what the books say, but I intend to live exactly as long as I want to, which I expect will be forever. It’s a whole lot better than the alternative.

I may not be as spry as I once was, but I still can savour the smells of an April morning, or of any morning, for that matter.

In my old age, I am pretty darned proud of the degree I just received from Rottweiler University. Now I am a PhD, a Philosophical Dog.

Philosophy is what I do best now. Once I went tearing after every scent that wafted my way. Now I wait for life to come to me. I lift my head to the breeze and sniff the morning news.

Once I went chasing after every leaf rustle, but I am past that. Now I think a lot. Sometimes I think so much that I forget to do things. Just like my human, who forgot to ask me to write this column.

It took Marjorie to remind Neil, who thinks he is my master. She stops him in the drugstore to tell him how much she looks forward

to my traditional April Fool’s column. (She can share my kibble anytime.)

Neil is a little irked because he doesn’t like hearing kind words about anybody else’s writing. Just mention one of Galea’s clever turns of phrase and watch him squirm.

Of course, Neil also is annoyed because he was going to write about some Welsh hound. He forgot all about my column. Now here I am a day late with it.

The April Fool is Neil. He is so full of himself. He imagines I feel honoured to do his work for him. Years ago, he was so busy with his silly maple syrup that he first fobbed off the job on me.

He never even noticed that I already had my paws full, getting ready for April 1, which is my species’ most important religious holiday. He didn’t even notice how busy I was getting ready for company, tossing green-grass salad and basting porcupine loins.

Now Neil expects a column every year, though maple was so late this spring that he had plenty of time to write it himself. But now I have more time too – I am so old my relatives won’t let me

near the stove anymore, though they still use some of my recipes.

So here I am writing this column he forgot to remind me about, because I forgot to tell him

I wouldn’t do it anymore. Besides, he only asks me once a year.

He knows that my columns are so much better than his that if the editor gets used to my work, it will be Neil who is writing only once a year.

That could happen anyhow. The *Times* has

become such a lively and entertaining newspaper that only a PhD like me can meet its standards.

Neil didn’t know much when I first came to live with him in 2002 and each year he knows less. He is so stupid he thinks he is my master, when certainly it is I who am in charge.

Consider our ATV runs back to the sugar bush. Though I may have better things to do, he’s not safe without me leading the way, setting the pace. All he has to do is follow me on his tracked machine.

Pay attention, I tell him. If I stop for a sniff or a snow snack, you stop too. Never look away from me. Four miles an hour is plenty



The Brown Dog Jiggs

fast enough. You can’t go on without me.

Sometimes his machine gets so close that it brushes my tail. I jump out of the way and he shuts off the machine to think about what he almost did. That teaches him respect.

Or that’s the deal I thought we had until last week. He almost ran me over. Maybe partly ran me over. I was so shocked that the details are a blur. I don’t really trust his version, but here it is:

Neil is distracted, wrestling the ATV’s steering through fresh snow as I lead the way up a slope we have run a thousand times before. I stumble and before he can stop, I am pinned under a track.

He says I yelped a time or two with pain, which seems unlikely for dogs hide their pain. I am not a wimp. He doesn’t stop to see how much of me is under the track – he just backs off me in a hurry. I scramble to my feet and we are on our way again, me in front.

It is astonishing to both of us that nothing is broken or squished. At least he gave me something to write about. He will be hearing from my lawyer, about this and other things.

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It's easy to stay on top of events

from page 6

When my daughter was married at the lake, it was community friends who rallied to help with parking, serving, setting up and transporting via pontoon boats. When a Christmas parcel arrived at the wrong postal station, our post mistress called to let us know she had noticed it and we could pick it up and keep it from being returned to sender. When I was laid up for six weeks, my community friends plowed our driveway, hauled in the wood, brought in fresh water, and invited us to dinner. When, as president of the association, I had concerns over a major political issue, the then reeve gave me her phone number and always took my calls.

The stories of positive community experiences abound. This is, however, a year round community and as such it must be governed accordingly. Most issues require considerable time to pass through stages of discussion and investigation before any decisive action can be taken. To suggest that they be categorized according to whomever they most affect would significantly reduce their

efficiency.

In today's world, one is expected to check details of all of one's accounts on the internet whether it be phone service, hydro consumption, banking or whatever. Checking the county's website, which is tremendously informative, need only be done once every six to eight weeks to stay on top of current issues and to plan your attendance at any meeting where you feel you need to personally address an issue. I am thankful that our current reeve is progressive enough to engage her constituents using a wide variety of electronic media such that all of us can be aware of the issues before council. She has proven herself to be fully informed of the issues and exceptionally skilled in providing us with information on a timely basis. Please, take advantage of today's information highway and become a full time member of our community.

Wayne Black
Kushog Lake

Where is spring?

What has happened to spring this year?
 High snowbanks and ice are seen everywhere.

Our furnaces groan, wood piles diminish,
 When are the strong winds and storms going to finish?

That old groundhog was wrong, we surely reckon.

Don't despair, the big thaw will come as it always does,
 But as Canadians we'll still complain, just because.

Janice Carr
Minden

Something's awry, warm weather doesn't beckon,

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Three-year-old Claire Cavicchi holds a copy of *The Good Luck Dragonfly: A Journey Through the Northern Wetlands*. The children's storybook, written and illustrated by Andrea Cavicchi, features flora and fauna that can be found in the wetlands around the Haliburton Highlands. The book will be available for purchase at several locations throughout the county. Photo submitted

Good luck Dragonfly

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Andrea Cavicchi, born Andrea Hughes, is looking to bring a little luck to Haliburton County in the form of a story. The former Haliburton County resident, who now lives in Nova Scotia, has recently published a children's storybook, titled *The Good Luck Dragonfly: A Journey Through the Northern Wetlands*, that features "vibrant and engaging illustrations" and "takes children on a fun, educational journey through the wetlands common to southern Canada." All of the flora and fauna in the book can be commonly found in Haliburton County.

Growing up with 100 acres of the Highlands to explore, Cavicchi spent much of her time outdoors exploring the woods, catching frogs and minnows, camping, and much more. "I think that growing up in the Highlands, you're always surrounded by nature and don't realize until you leave that that isn't the case for a lot of people," she says. "I find nature very inspiring and calming."

Nature was a large inspiration for her first book, which features plants and animals that are present in the wetlands around the county. The storybook even contains a glossary with additional information on the flora and fauna within it. "I really liked learning more about these creatures and plants I'd grown up with but, in some cases, not known the names of," she says.

Cavicchi, now a co-owner and teacher at a Montessori school in Nova Scotia, demonstrated an avid interest in artwork when she was two or three years old. She received a lot of exposure to art through her artist of a grandfather, Gil Parcell. She obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. It was her practice of painting gifts for the children of her friends led to her being encouraged

to make a children's book.

It was on maternity leave that Cavicchi felt the need to do so. According to her, the story did not take long to write because she had been formulating it in her head for a while. Once the story was set, she made a quick storyboard sketch of the pages and began painting. "I did them all in the course of about two and a half months of Friday afternoons," she says. Her in-laws would look after her daughter, Claire, for an afternoon each week so Cavicchi could work on the paintings. "I had to work on the paintings all at once in order to keep the backgrounds and colours consistent, but that made it go quickly."

Once the story and art was complete Cavicchi sent it out to three Canadian publishers but received only rejection letters.

"Apparently, getting published as an unknown author is extremely unlikely, so I kind of forgot about it for a while," says Cavicchi. This year, though, she heard about a self-publishing platform called Create Space, and with layout help from her uncle, she submitted *The Good Luck Dragonfly*.

The Good Luck Dragonfly will be primarily sold online through Amazon and Cavicchi's Etsy.com shop, My Own Little Island, where you can also purchase prints of her artwork. There will also be shops in Halifax and around the Highlands that will have the book in stock in the near future. The storybook will be available at Aprons & Soaps, Master's Bookstore, Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn, Little Duds and the Haliburton and Huntsville locations of the Forest Store. Cavicchi has also donated copies to the Archie Stouffer and Stuart Baker Elementary School libraries.

Cavicchi says she has three more books already written and illustrated in her head. "The challenge now is to find time to make them a reality while being the mom of a toddler and also running and teaching at a Montessori school."

Minden Hills requests feedback on microbreweries

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township will be requesting feedback from the neighbours of two microbreweries that are ready to get brewing.

At their March 13 committee of the whole meeting, councillors indicated they'd be allowing microbreweries and brewpubs in any zones where restaurants are permitted so that the owners of two new microbreweries could capitalize on the coming summer season.

Blake Paton of Boshkung Brewing Co. and Wayne Hancock of Hancock's Microbrewery each made presentations to council at that meeting.

In the meantime, the township would undertake a zoning bylaw amendment to create provisions especially for microbreweries, a process that could take four months or more.

It had been the recommendation of the township's planning administrator that the township require the owners to apply for site-specific zoning amendments, but councillors were concerned this months' long process would mean the brewers losing out on crucial summer business.

Councillor Larry Clarke had been the sole member of council to side with the staff recommendation, saying it was the proper and

responsible path for the township to take.

A change in the definition of a restaurant means that until a zoning bylaw amendment dealing specifically with microbreweries is made, microbreweries can be constructed in any zone that permits restaurants.

Clarke reiterated his concerns at a March 27 council meeting, where council's direction from the committee of the whole meeting was about to be officially passed.

"The neighbours of both these facilities do not have input," Clarke said. "If neighbours have any issues at all, they're out of luck."

"What Councillor Clarke has said is correct," planning administrator Adam King told council, adding that part of the reason for his initial recommendation of site-specific zoning bylaw amendments was because they would require a formal public input process.

That process would also mean that anyone with objections to a project can also appeal a council decision with the Ontario Municipal Board.

"The only issue I'm seeing here is the issue of public perception," King said, adding council was essentially undergoing an informal zoning process, which could be a problem if neighbours who were not consulted ended up having issues with odour,

for example.

The majority of council was intent on allowing the breweries to open as soon as possible.

"One brew pub is in the basement of a fine-dining restaurant," Reeve Barb Reid said, adding it was unlikely the restaurant would permit any foul-smelling business in the basement.

Boshkung Brewing Co. is located beneath Rhubarb restaurant, which recently relocated to the former That Place in Carnarvon building.

"The other is located adjacent to a store," Reid said, referring the Hancock operation at the store and gas station the family owns along County Road 503 in Irondale. "We're not talking about a plant here."

Clarke said it wasn't that simple and that council wasn't aware of what environmental implications with wastewater, etc. might be.

"It is highly unlikely that somebody would come forward with an application to build a plant," Reid said. "The question becomes do we want to stand in the way of their business."

The reeve added that both owners had received licences from the province to brew.

Even when an amendment for microbreweries is created, King stressed the township will have no control over the two

operations passed informally if they choose to expand, with say, grain silos.

"We will have no mechanism to control that development [other than what's in the commercial zoning bylaw]," he said.

Chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking spoke up, supporting King in his advice against what she referred to as a "kind-of" zoning bylaw amendment.

"I am a little concerned that council may be criticized about that process," Wright-Laking said.

Reid contended that the operators could challenge the zoning bylaw anyway.

Interim chief building officer Colin McKnight said the township's planning consultant had said there "probably should be" a zoning amendment for the projects.

"Probably should be is different than 'it's a problem,'" Reid said.

Clarke continued to protest.

"You're weighing the business opportunity against the rights of the current neighbours," he said.

Reid reasoned that if the township asked for feedback without objection, it would have done its due diligence.

Councillors voted to undergo a 15-day input process from neighbours within 400 feet of each site.

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Local skijorer dominates season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A Carnarvon resident is ready for the world after a dominant 2014 skijoring season.

The part-time Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher, Karen Koehler said it's unbelievable that she won 12 races in the one dog and two dog categories this season.

Koehler said it was a year of many highs, but the highlights were competing at home in Haliburton and in Quebec at the Internationaux de traineau a chien du Canada.

Both of those races had the most spectators and the greatest reason to win, as Haliburton was her home track and the win in Quebec assured her a spot at the World Championships in Germany next year.

After competing at the 2011 IFSS world championships in Norway and the 2013 IFSS world championships in Alaska, this was the earliest that Koehler's has earned a world championship berth.

Koehler loves this sport nearly as much as her dogs.

To be able to combine them all is what drives her in the Norwegian invented sport where Nordic skiers attach themselves with a rope on a harness to a dog or team of dogs.

She attributes her improvement to everything coming together for her from her equipment, improved skills skiing and improved fitness through her running and biking.

However she said much of the credit goes to her dogs, Bundle and Oodle.

Bundle, who fully matured this past winter, is hitting his stride at close to three, she said. Their teamwork during the single-dog races has also improved.

The breeding is key and North America still doesn't know how to breed the ideal dog for the

sport like Norway where Bundle is from, she said. "They just haven't quite got it down for skijoring dogs," she said.

Most dogs are sled dogs in North America, which are smaller and less powerful.

For every world championships, the top-three skijorers earn automatic berths. For the past world championships Koehler was usually on the "bubble" and had to apply.

The certainty of having a spot at the championships will enable her more time to secure sponsors, she said.

Her world championship experience is invaluable to her development in the sport. It's led to important decisions like the which dog breeder to pick and the equipment she uses.

She adds for every day she spent in Alaska at the championship she learned something.

Competing isn't cheap though.

"It's kind of crazy, but it's because of the dogs, flying the dogs. Flying is expensive and the prices are always going up so that's our major cost, plus renting a vehicle over there," she said. "I know when we went to Norway it was \$10,000. I'm kind of thinking it'll be around that. That's our biggest hurdle."

In addition to sponsors, family and friends have helped with the cost.

Although she wants to do her best, she loves the opportunity to get reacquainted with friends.

"The coolest thing for me (now that I've been a few times) is reconnecting with all those people I don't get to see other than at a world championship, all my friends from other countries," she said. "It's always such a great learning experience."

Her list of sponsors include Chocpaw, Chew That, Sharpley Source for Sports in Haliburton, Highlands Chiropractic and Wellness Centre, which has provided chiropractic care for her dogs.



Algonquin Highlands resident and local elementary school teacher, Karen Koehler, shows her winning form during the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby earlier this year. Koehler won 12 races over six events, including the derby. A recent win at the Internationaux de traineau a chien du Canada in St-Just de Bretenieres, Quebec assured her a spot at the IFSS World Championships in Germany next year. Copyright Desiree Nickerson Photography

Minden's youth curlers enjoy season and ready for Tim Bits

The 20 Minden Curling Club youth curlers enjoyed another fun season of improving their game.

All of the youth are a treasure to spend time with. They each grow so quickly over the course of the four months of curling.

Thanks to the coaches that come out to guide these little guys - Dave McKay, Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, Gord Sheehan, Heather Taylor, Tony Taylor, Royce Miller and Patti Goreski.

Also our high school curlers that return to provide guidance in a program that they enjoyed - Sam Miller, Marshall Petry, and Josh Colicchia. The children truly enjoy the healthy snack program.

We would like to thank the following people for contributing food for their healthy snack - Vicki Collicchia, Jane Boyd, Gail Flook, Bernice Murray, Melanie Vigrass, Sandi Prentice, Sian Cox, Donna Hudson, Linda McKnight and Irene Alexander.

The winner of the best example of Curling Etiquette for the season went to Dylan Garbutt. The Tim Bit Bonspiel will be hosted at the Gravenhurst Curling Club and Gravenhurst Centennial Centre (arena) on April 2 to 6th. We have two-and-a-half Tim Bit Teams representing the schools and club this year. From Archie Stouffer Elementary School we have Team Carmount including Andrew Carmount, Jake Hudson, Brendan Taylor and Camraen Little coached by Scotty Boyd and Team Little consisting of Liam Little, Ben Trentice, Dylan Garbutt and Caden Little coached by Jane Boyd. We also have Holly and Emily Parish in our program that are competing on the JDH Team.

ASES Team Carmount plays Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. draw at Gravenhurst CC, Thursday, April 3 at 12:30 draw at the arena, Thursday, April 3 at 5 p.m. draw at the arena, and Friday, April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Gravenhurst CC.

ASES Team Little plays: Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. draw at the arena, Thursday, April 3 at 10 a.m. draw at the Gravenhurst CC, Friday, April 4 at 9 a.m. at the arena, and Friday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the CC. JDH Team Parish plays Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. draw at Gravenhurst CC, Thursday, April 3 at 5 p.m. at the arena, Friday, April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Gravenhurst CC, and Friday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gravenhurst CC. The opening ceremonies for the youth bonspiel is Friday, April 4 starting at 6 p.m. in the arena. This is always an exciting event.

Thank you all for another wonderful year of youth curling at the Minden Curling Club. Check out the curling club website for more photos. Watch for registration in the fall. This is one of the the best youth programs for only \$65 for the season including a healthy snack. See you next year.

Thanks, Lynda Litwin, youth director of youth curling MCC, .

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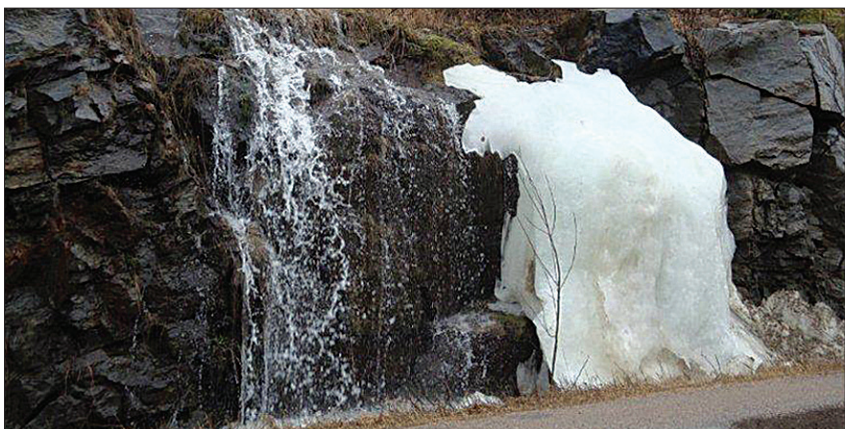
Community Care's Sit and Ski Raffle raised \$1,500 for our clients! A ski pass of eight tickets were generously donated by Sir Sam's Ski & Bike and the Chairs from Cottage Country Log Cabin. The winner of the Sit & Ski was long-time Community Care volunteer, Ron Roberts, who was presented with his winnings from Cottage Country Log Cabin owner, Patricia Bertram, far left, Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's and Nancy Brownsberger of Community Care. Photo submitted



Swan floats on top of melting ice. Photo submitted



This picture taken on Tuesday morning in Guenther Horst's backyard on Bobcaygeon Road. Photo submitted



Signs of spring are everywhere, as seen with this waterfall on the side of the road. Photo submitted.



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School skating team Larissa Stephenson, left, Vivian Collings, Bethany Little, Shae MacNaull, Ainsley Little, Callie Dick and Ariel Weiss finished in sixth place at the Eastern Ontario High School Invitational. There were first place finishes for MacNaull and Weiss in the Triathlon event, and Bethany Little and Dick in their dance number. There were 24 teams at the event. Photo submitted

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Highland Storm No. 1

Darren Lum Staff

Highland Storm Bantam A team celebrates its Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship after beating the Mount Brydges Cougars 7-2 on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm took the best-of-five series in four. They won three straight after dropping the first game.

Highland Storm Bantam A goalie Parker Smolen, right, kisses the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship against the Mount Brydges Cougars on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.



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trophy ceremony as the players skated with the trophy.

Fans were amazed about how full the arena was, leaving some to stand by the glass, behind the seating stands and even at the windowed area on the second floor.

If anybody believed this team was dependent on one line (as one accounted for many of the team total in the deciding game) or a few stars, Bishop was quick to correct the assumption, believing his entire team deserved the credit.

"We had the kind of team that if you wanted to try and shut down one or two players, you go right ahead because we got another two lines that'll kill you," he said.

He adds, every one his lines is special.

Storm players Owen Patterson-Smith, who scored the game-winner, and Kyle Cooper each had a pair of goals and an assist while Ethan Keefer had the most points with four assists.

Their captain Joey Capirchio, who had a goal and an assist, led the Cougars.

Despite being the odds-on favourite coming into the series, Bishop ensured his players remain focused.

"Statically we were favourites, but I tried to tell these guys to make them prepared and aware that the other team is here in the finals because they are a good team and beat everybody else to get here," he said. "So, it's about being mentally prepared as well as being, perhaps better, but it doesn't matter if you're statistically better you still have to be better on the ice."

Many of the players have been together for years, since the atom division.

Although there are benefits to this, ultimately every one of them bought into the team concept.

"Everybody wants the puck, but sometimes you have to give it up and when they give up the puck to their [team-mate] that's when we scored," he said.

The final score might not show it, but (outside of the first period) the game was close, particularly in the second and early in the third period.

Before four unanswered Storm goals in the third, the Cougars made a game of it when they scored a powerplay goal with a two-man advantage early in the third to narrow the deficit to a goal, 3-2.

The tension was short-lived as Storm player Chase Burden added an important insurance marker.

Bishop, who loved his team's work ethic and never-say-die attitude, liked having the 4-2 lead early in the third period.

"It's not so far ahead your team is going to sit back and you still have to work hard to get to the end. We had a real good intermission speech. The kids come out, fired up," he said. "I told them they had to work hard for 15 minutes. The battle's not over you got to go right to the buzzer."

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Highland Storm Bantam A forward and alternate captain Paydon Miscio, who had two assists, rushes the puck during the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship game against the Mount Brydges Cougars

Seeing the silver lining of life



Darren Lum Staff

Algonquin Highlands resident Tom Misico wears the hockey jersey honouring his dad, Alvin, and the silver medal and a commemorative stick from playing in the 2014 Courage Canada National Blind Hockey Tournament from March 21 to 23 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (former Maple Leaf Gardens) in Toronto. Miscio was one of 64 players from across Canada who played in the awareness raising weekend event. He's been blind since he was diagnosed with meningitis at 22 months old.

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Like any Canadian boy he had a dream to play in the National Hockey League like his idol Toronto Maple Leafs, Darryl Sittler.

However he wasn't like other boys because Tom Miscio was left legally blind when he was diagnosed with meningitis at 22 months old.

Haliburton born and bred, Miscio, who had to be within reach of people to see them, never saw a problem because of the love and support from family and friends, who let him see hope instead of blindness.

Although he never made the NHL, he did get to play hockey in the same building as Sittler did when he played in the secondnd annual Courage Canada Hockey Tournament with 64 other players last month at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (the former Maple Leaf Gardens) in Toronto.

It was an unforgettably awe-inspiring tournament, he said.

"I went to centre ice and kind of stood there and looked around for a couple of minutes. It was surreal. I couldn't believe it was happening," he said, describing when he first stepped onto the ice during pre-game warm up. "Aside from seeing my family, I would have never left."

The tournament is like any other with competitive hockey, but also an opportunity to raise awareness about people with vision impairment and what services are available to foster skating and ice hockey. The game is slightly modified by the use of a larger, noise-making puck and a modified net where raised shots are blocked from scoring. See www.couragecanada.ca for more information.

Miscio said hockey has always been special for him.

Whether it was for a stress release or a "window to connect" to others, it's always been there.

Anyone with vision impairment should experience it at least once, he said.

Miscio has every intention to play in

the tournament next year. He hopes to share the experience with Haliburton's Ross Burk, who is also legally blind and shares a passion for hockey.

Miscio would have invited Burk this year, but wanted to be certain it was worth it.

Although he knows he'll have to work on gaining sponsorship to make the trip, he is confident something will work out. This year Courage Canada paid for half of his stay.

His nephew Tom Bagshaw drove him down for the tournament. He made the trip with wife, Terra and son, Tim. Miscio said he made a family trip out of it and stayed in a hotel next to the Gardens. Miscio also has a step-daughter, Jessica, who attends Fleming College in Peterborough.

Bagshaw also drove Miscio to the Toronto Ice Owls tryout to play in the tournament.

The Algonquin Highlands resident might be legally blind, but he has always seen the value of life living in the Highlands for the surroundings and, most importantly, the people.

"I've never been told I couldn't do something. When they told me I couldn't do something it was a challenge. Sometimes they do it on purpose to get me to do something I don't want to do kind of thing," he said. "I'm lucky I grew up here."

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he went to Toronto and stayed for three months, finding the city cold and impersonal.

He's got a mental list as tall as him (at close to 5'11) of all the people who have helped him.

From his older brother Murray, who taught him how to skate, to his childhood friend Chad Burton who drove him places and to his teachers that helped however they could with notes life was good here.

Also, near and dear to him are his parents Alvin, who died in 2002, and Clara, and older sister Anne, who nursed him from injury.

Miscio, who regularly plays once a week and in competitive hockey tournaments like the Coby Islander in

Coboconk, expressed disappointment about not bringing home gold after losing 4-3 in the final with his Pacific Team teammates against Team West.

It's a testament to his competitive drive and his own expectation like anyone with or without vision.

Due to the absence of a couple of teams, the organizers assigned players to a team according to skill, creating balanced teams for the tournament.

He deflects any praise or credit and said he shares the silver medal with everyone.

"I don't score on my own," he said. "To get to a game ... someone always takes me there."

The thought of life without hockey is inconceivable, as it alleviates his stress and excites him.

Last year he broke his hip a couple of weeks before the Coby Islander, which is normally held on the Easter weekend. It was heart-breaking to watch, he said.

Being part of the team, his teammates asked him to come despite his misgivings.

"It almost killed me. I couldn't take it," he said.

A year and a half ago for whatever reason he lost more eyesight.

He's now left with 20/600 in his right eye. The left eye, he said, is estimated to be slightly a little stronger at 40/600. This means what he sees at 20 feet others with 20/20 vision can see at 600 feet.

Being at the tournament he was reminded of the full spectrum of vision of impaired people. Some had one eye and others just didn't show it all, behaving like sighted people.

"[Some of them] were like me. It's everyday. On the line change I'll jump over the boards," he said. "It's just what you do."

Facing challenges isn't anything new for Miscio.

"I've been like this forever so it's nothing to me. To walk around, I'm not the person I used to be with it decreasing, but it doesn't stop me from doing everything," he said.



Algonquin Highlands resident Tom Miscio's silver medal won at the 2014 Courage Canada National Blind Hockey Tournament from March 21 to 23 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (former Maple Leaf Gardens) in Toronto. Miscio was disappointed to not win gold.

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Winners of the Friday mixed pairs league. Back end-Ron Bobbie and Joanne Bobbie, Front end - Walter Braker and Barb Braker.



Friday's mixed pairs playoff winners. Back end-Tony Taylor and Gord Sheehan, Front end-Mike Cusato and Mark Allan.

Minden daytime division curling winners

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Monday's mixed league winners. Skip-Tom Macartney, Vice-Diana Spicer, 2nd-Lindsay Ploughman, Lead-Keith Kuntz.



The winners of Monday's playoff bonspiel. Skip-Bruce Fisher, Vice-Dianna Spicer, 2nd -Lindsay Ploughman, Lead-Keith Kuntz.



The team that won the Thursday men's league. Skip-Bruce Fisher, Vice-Wes Lytle, 2nd -Barry Simon, Lead-Gord Alford



The winning team of the Thursday night Men's Bonspiel. Skip-Murray Cooper, Vice-Dave McClory, 2nd -Mark Allan,

The Minden Curling Club held its season ending playoff bonspiels for its Daytime division during the week of March 17 to the 21. The playoff winners received meat prizes. The Conveners would like to thank all those who helped with lunches, scoring and cleaning up. We all look forward to putting the winter behind and ready for our spring golf tourney.

Winners of the seasons 2nd schedule were:

Monday Mixed:
1st - Skip-Tom Macartney, Vice-Diana Spicer, 2nd-Lindsay Ploughman, Lead-Keith Kuntz
2nd - Skip- Ted Wilkes, Vice-Erskine Flook, 2nd-Walter Braker, Lead-Marilyn Burrows
3rd Skip-Murray Cooper, Vice-Dave Millington, 2nd -John Du Manior, Lead-Donna Penneycad

Wednesday Ladies
1st Skip-Pat Woodcroft, Vice-Pauline Plooard, 2nd -Sandy Bell, Lead-Mary Forbes
2nd Skip-Winn Taylor, Vice-Ruby Wilkes, 2nd -Ethel Muli, Lead-Val Goodin
3rd Skip-Marie Lennard, Vice-Sandria Garry, 2nd -Dianne James, lead-Linda Andruss

Thursday Men's
1st Skip-Bruce Fisher, Vice-Wes Lytle, 2nd -Barry Simon, Lead-Gord Alford
2nd Skip-Don Ballantyne, Vice-Don Pflug, 2nd -Peter Alexander, Lead-Wally Ozog
3rd Skip-Murray Cooper, Vice-Dave McClory, 2nd -Jim Gillanders, Lead-Ron Reid

Friday mixed pairs
1st Back end-Ron Bobbie & Joanne Bobbie, Front end - Walter Braker & Barb Braker
2nd Back end-Charlie Hadley & Joyce Nilsson, Front end-Penny Elliott & Paul Elliott
3rd Back end - Marie Lennard & Dianne James, Front end- Liv

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Winners of the playoff bonspiels were:

Monday Mixed
1st Skip-Bruce Fisher, Vice-Dianna Spicer, 2nd -Lindsay Ploughman, Lead-Keith Kuntz
2nd Skip-Ted Wilkes, Vice-Erskine Flook, 2nd -Walter Braker, Lead-Heather Mephram
3rd Skip-Mike Clewlow, Vice-Audrey Robson, 2nd -Brian Lemire, Lead-Nancy Lemire

Wednesday Ladies
1st Skip-Marie Lennard, Vice-Sandria Garry, 2nd -Dianne James, Lead-Linda Andruss
2nd Skip-Pat Woodcroft, Vice-Sheila Woodcroft, 2nd -Sandy Bell, Lead-Mary Forbes
3rd Skip-Linda Pawluch, Vice-Barb Millington, 2nd -Lynda Litwin, Lead-Donna McArthur

Thursday Men's
1st Skip-Murray Cooper, Vice-Dave McClory, 2nd -Mark Allan, Lead-Ron Reid
2nd Skip-Charlie Hadley, Vice-Lyndsay Ploughman, 2nd -Cec Ryall, Lead-Ross Petch
3rd Skip-Ron Bobbie, Vice-Ed Copeland, 2nd -Alfie Pennycad, Lead-Bill Forbes

Friday mixed pairs
1st Back end-Tony Taylor & Gord Sheehan, Front end-Mike Cusato & Mark Allan
2nd Back end-Ron Bobbie & Joanne Bobbie, Front end-Brian Lemire & Nancy Lemire
3rd Back end-Ed Hussul & Carol Hussul, Front end-Dave Bonham & Linda Lambert

Thursday and Friday night curlers receive awards

The winter curling season wrapped up at Minden Curling Club March 20. In this season-ending event, league winners plus A and B division finalists from both Thursday and Friday nights battled for trophies and steak prizes provided by Easton's Valumart. At the close of the evening, vice-president-evening leagues Wes Lytle thanked the players for their enthusiastic participation, and then thanked the ice-making and bartending staff.

Minden Curling Club provides a fun and entertaining sport activity, with opportunities for all age and skill levels, in a central location. We ask that you consider curling as your new, or rediscovered, winter pastime. Reduced fee schedules are available for first-time curlers.

Text and pictures submitted by Wes Lytle



From left, Friday night A division finalists Dave Millington, Barb Millington, Wes Lytle, Bob Barron and Kim Burk (sparing for Meribeth Barron) were the recipients of the Royal Lepage Lakes of Haliburton Trophy.



Friday night B division finalists from left; Richard Hansen, Wynn Taylor, Jayne Kennedy and Bert Kennedy.



Thursday night A division finalists, from left, Bruce Fisher, Carol Alain, Allana Casper and Rick Whittaker won the Dollo's Foodland Trophy at the Minden Curling Club on March 20.



Friday night league winners, from left, Rick Denyer, Marilyn Denyer, Dwight Thomas, Jean Broersma and Royce Miller were the recipients of the Madeline Thomas Memorial Trophy.



Thursday night B division finalists from left; Audrey Robson, Steve Robson, Tony Taylor (sparing for Rosina Hoare), and Carolyn Ludlow.

Ladies' league playoffs a thrill



The winning team of the Minden Curling Club's ladies league, from left: Melanie Vigrass-Skip, Vicki Wellman-Vice, Elisha Weiss-2nd, Tina Newman-Lead.



Winners of the Monday night ladies playoffs on St. Patrick's at the Minden Curling Club, from left: Carolyn Ludlow-Vice, Heather Taylor-Skip, Marilyn Denyer-2nd, Vicki Colicchia-Lead.

Faith and begorrah! The Emerald Isle has no charm like Monday Night ladies league playoff action held at Minden Curling Club on St. Patrick's Day. Curling has much the same crossover appeal as the famous soap – "manly, yes, but I like it too!"

League play winners of the Harper Power Sports Trophy was the team skipped by Melanie Vigrass, with vice Vicki Wellman, second Elisha Weiss and lead Tina Newman. team member Betty Goard, who missed part of the season due to a broken wrist, provided support from the sidelines.

Playoff winners of the County Sign and Display trophy was the team skipped by Heather Taylor, with vice Carolyn Ludlow, second Marilyn Denyer and lead Vicki Colicchia. Playoff runner-ups was the team of Winn Taylor (sparing for Patti Prentice) vice Kim Burk, second Lynda Litwyn and lead Judy Price.

Winners received gift certificates from Valumart in Minden.

Co-convenors Sheila Woodcroft and Kim Burk thanked bar staff Donna-Lee 'Coleen' McKnight and the icemaking staff of Eric 'Seamus' Casper and Jim 'Patrick' Groen.



From left, Thursday night league winners Mike Clewlow, Dave McClory, Allana Casper and Rick Whittaker were the recipients of the Wideman/Pentney Trophy.



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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications for a temporary contract position for a Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator.

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Kinmount to host Easter egg hunt

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse it was a particular treat to have grandson Ben and his dad stay overnight. Ben, now 10 years old, plays hockey for the Stouffville Clippers with a schedule so busy we had not seen him since Christmas Day. Normally soft spoken at dinner he suddenly posed a question with great energy.

Did we know who Paul Rosen is? A powerful motivational speaker Mr. Rosen had come to Ben's school in Goodwood, Ontario with his message "Never Give Up" on overcoming adversity, the effects of bullying and seeing the ability in disability.

With passion this delightful little boy recounted the story from the time of Paul's leg injury during a hockey game which led to 23 surgeries and eventually an above knee amputation at age 39.

The following year he made the Canadian National Sledge Hockey Team as its oldest rookie and played goalie for Team Canada from 2000-2010 winning a Gold Medal in 2006.

At the age of 50 Paul admitted he had struggled with literacy his entire life, returned to school and is now Ambassador for ABC Life Literacy Canada.

This gentleman had obviously made a deep impression on our Ben.

Later during the hockey game as the Maple Leafs struggled against the Detroit Red Wings in a losing cause son Graeme pointed out that the last time the Leafs had won the Stanley Cup was in 1967 a year before he was born.

Ben's whispered reply a reassuring remember Dad never give up.

A reminder about the annual Easter Egg Hunt coming up on Saturday, April 19 in Kinmount's Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. The official start time for the hunt is 1 p.m. and this is a common start time for all participants who then search out the hidden eggs which are quickly discovered.

Be sure to avoid disappointment by being there on time when the event gets underway and remember to bring your own basket.

At the Kinmount Branch of the City of

Kawartha Lakes Library the Friends of the Library will hold its monthly book sale on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level. These Book Sales are held on the third Saturday of each month and there are bargains galore.

Funds raised help support special programs and projects such as the outdoor reading garden.

Donations of good used books (but please no magazines or texts) can be dropped off in the marked receptacle at any time.

For details on the many ongoing programs at this very active branch please give librarian Mary Ann Dobsi a call during open hours at 705-488-3199.

Yesterday's mail brought two items of particular interest. One was Jamie & Bernie Nicholson's a very attractive postcard announcing their upcoming Spring Open House at Pottery in the Forest on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the studio which features handmade functional stoneware (and good snacks) is located at 197 French Line off the Crystal Lake Road one kilometre in from County Road 121., Kinmount (705-488-2400).

The second was a newspaper clipping from the March 25 *Globe & Mail* sent along by cousin Margo in London, Ontario. The writer one Kathy O'Grady Bose, now an Ottawa resident, when searching out her roots finds herself here in Kinmount, Ontario deeply moved by the strength of her Irish ancestors as they met the challenge of homesteading.

Having always complained about her name Kathryn comes away with a new sense of pride in sharing that name, albeit spelled differently, with many of these pioneer women.

If you are researching your family note that the GHHS of Trent Lakes (formerly Galway-Cavendish & Harvey Township) offers assistance using ancestry.com. at 110 County Road 49, Bobcaygeon on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 705-738-0100. The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group is another great local resource with interesting meetings and newsletter. A contact there is Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Until next week ...

County card scores

March 25 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Nel Van der Grient 5,120, Willie Cox 4,330 Pearl Foster 4,080 and Jackie Metcalf 3,990. Frank Schlotter won the draw while Pearl Foster teamed up with Nel Van der Grient for a Small Slam.

March 25 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Gareth Kellett the news that at 5,130 Dave Heaven led the scoring followed by David Gray 3,870 and Dianne Jones 3,450.

March 25 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Winning for lone hands was Jim MacPherson while our reporter Nancy McPherson was high lady and Rae Dawn Shephard low. Gene Newell was high man, Ralph Young was low man and Irene McDowall won the special prize.

March 25 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Belle Walker 331, Vi Howell 326, Marcy Morgan 292 and Eileen Shapiera 284. At 326 Phyllis Windsor led the gents followed by Pat Norman 300, Ida Young 252 and Dorothy McElwain 245. Bob Pollard won the major draw with Yvette Ezard, Pat Norman and Diane Witley claimed the smaller prizes. There was a shower of moonshots landing on Marcy Morgan, Georgina Parkes [2], Eileen Shapiera, Joyce Noble, Penny Peglar, Albert Foster and Phyllis Windsor. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this update.

March 25 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts were Joan Bell and Jean Randell 372 then Connie Sawyer and George Hamilton 360. In third spot at 359 were Yvonne Arbuthnot and Ray Lymer while Peggy Beattie and our reporter Pearl Cowen posted the afternoon's low of 280.

March 26 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell our reporters Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson led at 60 percent then Jackie Metcalf partnered with Ross Fletcher 57 percent.

March 26 bid euchre at Stanhope: At 227 Jason Peacock was first for the whites followed by Al McMullen 222 and Jean Dutka 212. Pink honours went to Marg Oetelaar 236 then our reporter Linda Lambert 201 and Willie Cox 200 with Al McMullen taking the single moonshot.

March 27 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 362, Eileen Shapiera 327, Doug McIntosh 283 and Gala Newell 278. Representing the gents Yvette Ezard was first at 301 followed by Ida Young 300, Phyllis Windsor 297 and Marcel Roussel 277. Albert Foster held the hidden score and Phyllis Windsor won for call 1 while moonshots went to Doug McIntosh, Ron Morrison, Ida Young,

Albert Foster, Yvette Ezard and Vi Howell. This news comes from Bev Johnson.

March 27 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that lone hand honours went to Bev Johnson and Doug McIntosh with Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury posting the high scores. The evening's lows were claimed by Muriel McIntosh and Murray Daniels who both also took home one of the other prizes along with Jim Bradbury and Bev Johnson.

March 28 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, our reporter Shirley Howe for lone hands, Jean Randell for low hands and Murray Daniels for the special prize.

March 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Margo and Tom Davidson 66 percent then Gord Cochrane and Ross Fletcher 58 percent. Muriel McIntosh reminds that there will not be bridge at Echo Hills on Good Friday, April 18th.

March 29 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 243, Bev Johnson 212, Pat Roussel 209 and Vi Howell 207. First for the gents at 251 was our reporter Albert Foster followed by Karin Harrison 215, Ida Young 194 and Archie Ross 189. Belle Walker won the special prize and moonshots were claimed by Vi Howell and Theresa Deak.

March 31 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Mabel Deacon with Ellen Holden and Annah Buxcey posting the high scores. Tim Sharpe also reports that Don Blakey had the afternoon's low while Lillian Mann took home the special prize.

March 31 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson comes the news that Richard Organ led the scoring at 304 then Hazel 285 and Gala Newell 262. The draw winner was Marcel Roussel while Dorothy McElwain, Rae Dawn Shephard, Richard Organ and Karin Harrison claimed the moonshots.

March 31 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Nick Boekestyn, for lone hands John Sparks, for low hands Jean Randell and for the special prize Murray Daniels. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

March 31 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Linda Voycey with Anne Manning and Clara Miscio posting the high scores. our interim reporter Jean Dutka and Al McMullen took the evening's lows while Pearl Kernohan claimed the baloney.

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Employing her wide-ranging business experience, Lauren formulated the "Creating Your Own Business Plan" workshop, which she has delivered to over 500 entrepreneurs through the Self Employment Assistance program, Humber College, and Georgian College. Lauren has also facilitated for the YWCA's Women in Business Program.

As mentor to many entrepreneurs, Lauren takes a "real-life" approach in her presentations and her delivery style has been described as entertaining, engaging and thought provoking.

Workforce Development Board is a not-for-profit organization located in Peterborough and serving Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. Founded in 1996, WDB is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to provide labour market information, coordinate employment and training services, and engage employer communities.

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With the passing of our beloved husband and father, Lee Blair we want to thank Harry Hutchings, Lee's trusted employee, and David (Skip) Gainforth for being with us as Lee passed and throughout this time.

We appreciate Jim Bird for ongoing support of Marie - bringing wood and spreading sand (in this icy winter), John Coneybeare, Leona and Marcel Crete, Heather Bird, Pete Johnson, Deeno Pearsell for his moving tribute, the pall bearers, all those who sent flowers and food and our many friends and relatives from near and

far who travelled to Lee's Celebration of life. We also extend special mention to Marnnie's friends and colleagues at Point in Time for the meals and ongoing caring support.

And, of course, Monk's Funeral Home and Harry Morgan. Throughout Lee's long living with profound heart problems (from the first day that he drove himself to the hospital), Dr Karl Hartwick for saving his life so many times and, more recently, Dr Cossons, his cardiologist, Dr Reesor, Kingston General Hospital, Haliburton Hospital, London University Hospital and the many nurses who cared for Lee.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We can attest to the vast improvements in medical care for heart patients over the past years.

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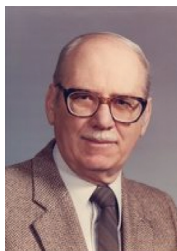
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Family and Friends were received at the Ward Funeral Home 2035 Weston Rd. (north of Lawrence Ave., West) Weston on Friday March 28, 2014 from 11am-1pm. A Memorial Service was held immediately following at 1pm in the Ward Chapel. Donations may be made to Scouts Canada or Bruce Trail Conservancy. Please visit the book of memories at www.wardfuneralhome.com.



Robin Lee Anthony

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grew up in Rosebank and Scarborough but lived her final 15 years on the shore of Haliburton Lake where she revelled in her passion for nature, healing and cooking. She was a caring nurse, an accomplished teacher and faithful friend to many. Robin has flown from this earthly nest. Fly on dear Robin, fly on!

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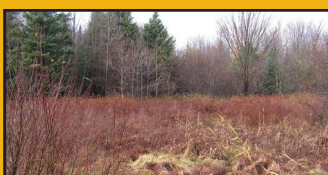
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Beech Lake \$369,000

- 125 ft south facing – SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Building Lot Close to Town \$29,999

- Great location near Minden
- In an area of nice homes
- 1.18 acres on year round road
- Hydro & phone close by

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Horseshoe Lake! \$599,000

- 3 BR; 1500 Sq. ft.; West exposure
- 1.64 Acres; 2 sep. deeded 100' lots
- Boat house; clean shore; deep off dock
- Turk-key! Great family cottage experience!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Long Lake \$279,900

- Nicely-kept 3BR cottage on 2-Lake chain
- Bunkie with loft at waterfront
- Nice clean shoreline, sunset exposure
- Easy year-round Municipal road access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage
- Bunkie + garage
- Level lot, sand beach, dock
- Big lake view

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Minden Home \$159,900

- 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths & mudroom
- Main floor laundry
- Lg kitchen/dining & living rooms
- Sunroom and private yard

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Pride of Ownership! \$325,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Recreational Paradise - 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton
- Hard/softwood bus
- High quality
- Level access

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Starter or Retirement Home \$155,000

- Country property with loads of value
- Deeded Access to Halls lake close by
- Year round home with 3 bedrooms
- Single car garage & Bunkie

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Location, Location, Location \$269,000

- Custom built (2010) 4 BDRM cottage/home
- Sand Shoreline, Level Lot!
- 4 BDRM, full finished basement, Covered Deck
- Drilled, Septic, & Walkout BSMT

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Pine Lake \$269,900

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar, shed
- 2+ bdrm, sunroom, deck, main flr laundry
- Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmt
- 3 lake chain, great fishing and swimming

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity-Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$ \$116,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$579,999

- 395' of deep water & sand shoreline
- Very level lot with huge majestic trees
- Completely redone main cottage
- Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Stunning Big Lake View \$439,000

- 3 BR seasonal cottage on 12 Mile Lake
- Beautiful wood interior; Large living areas
- Clean rocky shore; deep water off the dock
- 2 hours from GTA; Easily winterized

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Little Boshkung Lake \$59,000

- 25' Lakefront across the road
- Western Exposure, Sandy Shoreline
- Driveway in, 0.42 Acres
- Year Round Municipal Access

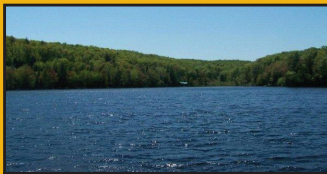
Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- Walkout basement to large yard
- 1.9 acres of privacy
- School bus by the front door

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Tedious Lake Waterfront Lot \$99,000

- Large lot on quiet spring fed lake
- South facing, good swimming & fishing
- Driveway is in, hydro at lot line
- Great opportunity! HST in addition

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Wenona Lake Access \$149,900

- 4-Season cottage overlooking Wenona Lake
- Deeded lake access just steps away
- Full septic, drilled well
- New metal roof and wood stove

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



5 Lake Chain \$1,849,000

- CONFEDERATION 8" LOG HOME/1.2 acres
- 189' Sand Shoreline/Level Lot/Landscaped
- Custom Kitchen/Dining Open to Great Rm
- BIG LAKE VIEW! - 5070 sq. ft. living space

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



Kushog Lake \$439,900

- 1400 s.f. 3 bdrm cottage/home on .7A lot
- Granite Crown Land island abutting in a cove
- Charming warm pine interior; full width dining area
- Bunkie, cabana and good privacy

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